

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Maryland's Social Services Agency



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES RELEASES DRAFT SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PRE-EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR 2010

BALTIMORE – The Department of Human Resources Draft Social Services Block Grant Pre-Expenditure Report for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 (*October 1, 2009through September 30, 2010*) is available for review and comments on the DHR website located at http://192.168.37.75/co/reports.php.

Maryland anticipates receiving approximately \$32 million in Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds for the federal fiscal year beginning in October 2009. These funds, combined with other federal, state, and local funding will provide a wide range of social services for Maryland residents. Some of the services included are: Adoption; Adult Protective Services; Foster Care; In-Home Aide Services; Intensive Family Services; and Services to Families with Children.

Federal law requires the Social Services Block Grant report explain program eligibility, the number of people served, the amount of funds spent and the way service will be provided. Comments and questions regarding the plan or its availability are due by August 21, 2009 and should be addressed to:

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; and provide temporary cash, food stamps and medical assistance to families. It also funds programs for homeless persons, refugees, migrant workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 638,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency.